

# **“GED® Ready Test™” Hot Topics Webinar**

## **Summary of Questions and Answers**

### **Can students use the handheld calculator throughout the entire GED Math Ready™ test?**

The calculator is not allowed for the first three questions on the GED Ready™ math test. A calculator is allowed for the remaining questions. Students are not able to go back and review the first three questions after they proceed to the section that allows calculator use. A calculator is also allowed for questions on the Science test.

### **How do we know which questions on the math test they are allowed to use the calculator?**

The first three questions on the Ready™ test do not allow the use of a calculator. On the operational GED® test, it is the first five questions that do not allow calculator use.

### **Do the age requirements come to you?**

Documentation for age waivers can be e-mailed to [GED@KY.gov](mailto:GED@KY.gov) or sent by FAX 502-696-5863. A webinar presentation with notes about the age alert and exception process is posted on the KYAE website here: <http://kyae.ky.gov/educators/GEDhottopics.htm> .

### **Does the trained educator review for written responses play any role in the student's GED Ready™ score?**

Although the scores the educator gives, the written responses are not added to the computer scores for the purpose of satisfying the Ready™ test alert; the educator review provides the student with important diagnostic information. The educator can provide additional instruction based on the student's written responses and advise students about the scores they should expect to receive on the written responses on the GED® test.

### **What is actually the "quickest" response students can get for their status to be changed for those under 19--via fax or via e-mail (withdrawal forms validation)?**

If the correct documentation is submitted, it typically takes one day for the age waiver to be granted and the age alert lifted. A webinar presentation with notes about the age alert and exception process is posted on the KYAE website here: <http://kyae.ky.gov/educators/GEDhottopics.htm> .

### **Could you again address the expiration of the GED Ready™ test scores?**

GED Testing Service® considers the Ready™ test scores “valid” for 60 days. In this case, “valid” means predictive of success on the GED® test. For the purpose of satisfying the Ready™ test alert, test-takers remain in an exception queue with an alert for each module until they pass the practice test for that module. After they pass it, they are removed from the queue for the module they passed and can schedule. Our understanding from our account managers at GED Testing Service® is there is not a time limit for scheduling the operational test module after the test-taker is removed from the exception queue.

**If a student passes the Social Studies part of the Ready™ test, but fails the other modules, is the student cleared to take the Social Studies part of the actual GED® test?**

Yes, a student can now take and pass a single module (or content area) of the GED Ready™ test and then proceed directly to that same module of the actual GED® test. Test-takers no longer need to pass all content areas before they can begin any part of the GED® test.

**Do they have to retake another Ready™ test if they fail a section of the actual GED® test?**

Kentucky does not require any additional Ready™ test scores before scheduling a retake. It may be wise to have additional instruction and perhaps another Ready™ test, but it is not required.

**I'm confused about the instructor's role in administering the Ready™ test in a correctional center.**

If the correctional center allows Internet access for inmates, then the adult educator can administer the GED Ready™ test at the center. Please ask your jailer if Internet access can be allowed for the classroom and/or testing. Many jailers are now allowing this.

If the correctional center does not allow inmates to have Internet access, GED Ready™ can be delivered through the same secure system used to deliver the GED® test. While teachers can be involved, the secure testing system makes it impossible for them to handle the actual registration and scheduling. Pearson VUE requirements stipulate that in order to access set up an account or schedule a test, one has to be a certified test center administrator. Teachers cannot be test administrators.

**Can you go back one to slide 15, so we can see it?**

Slide 15 says “Access to the Pearson registration and scheduling system is limited to certified Test Center Administrators.” Access to this system by anyone other than a Test Administrator/Proctor is a violation of Pearson policies and procedures. Teachers may not have access to this system.

**Did you say that all state facilities are Pearson VUE testing centers?**

All state prisons are Pearson VUE testing centers for the purpose of offering the GED® test.

**Can I have the website for link for the free erasable note boards?**

You may be able to get them free from KET or order them for only the cost of postage at <http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/brandcentralinfo> .

**We had a student who was applying for accommodations. We were told if he DID receive accommodations, he could still not use them on the GED Ready™ test. Could you talk about that?**

This is a known issue with the Ready™ test; it does not allow for some accommodations such as extended time or breaks. Several states have reported this issue to GED Testing Service®. Please have your student work directly with the accommodations team at GED Testing Service® to resolve this issue. Our office can also assist with making sure the student can satisfy the Ready™ test alerts.

**Are Morehead and Hazard the only two testing sites available near Wolfe County?**

You can always find the most up-to-date list of testing centers at the test center finder at

<https://www6.pearsonvue.com/testtaker/registration/SelectTestCenterProximity/GEDTS/1158697>

or through GED.com

In addition to Morehead State University and Hazard Community and Technical College, there are active centers at the Jackson County Board of Education, Eastern Kentucky University and Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The Lees Campus of Hazard Community and Technical College in Breathitt County has a testing center nearing completion. We have also worked with institutions in Powell and Morgan.

**How long does it take a site to become a testing center?**

It typically takes about three months for a new testing center to become activated. Because of the glut of centers that waited until 2014 to begin the process, it may currently take up to six months.

**Where is the free practice test, 1/4 the length of the GED Ready™ test found?**

<http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/freepracticetest>

**Right now the students are told that the closest center for us is in Ohio. That concerns me.**

The test center locator works from zip code so it lists all centers closest to the selected zip code.

If a test-taker indicates they want a Kentucky diploma they have to take the GED® test in Kentucky. If a test-taker indicates they want a diploma from another state, then the test-taker has to meet the eligibility requirements for the other state. Some states, including Ohio, have residency requirements. GED.com includes cautions to prevent students from selecting a testing center in a state they have not selected as the credentialing state.

**If our correctional facility has Internet access, can the inmates do their own registration and take the Ready™ test just as normal students?**

The educator should be able to administer the Ready™ test. Testing centers in corrections settings are private centers and do not show up as a scheduling option at GED.com so the Test Administrator/Proctor would have to schedule the inmates for the GED® test and may have to help with the record creation.

**At some point, will Pearson be putting out a manual? Like a GED Policy and Procedures? Hard copy??**

Pearson VUE has a manual for the testing centers and state administrators. These documents cover privacy concerns about student records, eligibility and processes for operating a testing center.

**Our jail is not yet certified and our students need to test at an approved center. Who registers them at the testing center?**

If the inmates are testing at another correctional center, then the Test Administrator at that center would register and schedule the inmates.